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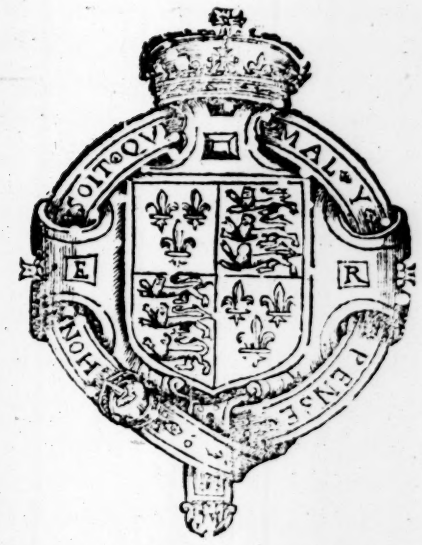

ELIZABETH by the grace of God Queene of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To all and ſinguler Archbiſhops, Biſhops, Archdeacons, Deanes, and their Officials, Parſons, Vicars, Curates, and to all other ſpirituall perſons whatſoeuer they be: And alſo to all Iuſtices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Conſtables, Churchwardens, Headboroughes, and Officers of cities and townes corporate, and all other our officers, miniſters, and faithfull ſubiects whatſoeuer they be, as well within liberties as without, to whome theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. WHEREAS we are credibly giuen to vnderſtand, as well by the pitifull ſupplication and petition of our poore and true ſubiects, the poore inhabitants and townesmen of our townes of Penſance, Mouſehole, and Newlin, in our countie of Cornwall, as alſo by the teſtimoniall of ſir Frances Godolphyn knight, ſir VVilliam Beuill knight, and Richard Carew of Anthonie eſquire, deputie lieutenants in our ſaid countie of Cornwall, Reginald Mohun eſquire, Charles Treuanion eſquire, Iohn VVrey eſquire, Hannibal Viuian eſquire, Thomas Seintawbin eſquire, Thomas Chiuerton eſquire, George Greinuile eſquire, Iohn Hender eſquire, and Thomas Trenance eſquire Iuſtices of peace there. THAT vpon the three and twentith day of Iuly laſt paſt, about ſixe of the clocke in the morning, being miſtie, cloudie, and darke weather, certaine Enimies to our Realme landed in the weſterne part of Mountesbay in our ſaid countie of Cornwall, and by a very ſudden incurſion ſpoiled and burnt the market towne of Penſance aforeſaid: the townes of Mouſehole and Newlin aforeſaid: togither with the pariſh Church of Saint Paule, and diuers dwelling houſes within the ſaid pariſh, vnto the ſaid townes neereſt adioining: And likewiſe rifeled, waſted, ſpoiled and burnt diuers fiſherboates, & other goodes of our ſaid ſubiects, to the impouerihing & vndoing of the greateſt number of the ſaid poore inhabitants, their wiues and children, and the great loſſe and hinderance of the reſt of the ſaid inhabitants: and preſently in all haſte fled to the ſea againe: by reaſon whereof a great number of the ſaid inhabitants that heretofore were very well able to maintaine themſelues, their ſaid wiues, children and families in good ſort, and to be helpfull to others that ſtood in need, are thereby at this preſent in ſuch poore eſtate, that a great number of them can hardly recouer their eſtates, or maintaine themſelues, and their poore wiues and children, vnleſſe they be charitably holpen and relieued with the deuotions and beneuolence of well diſpoſed people in that behalfe. Knowe ye therefore, that we tendering the lamentable eſtates of the ſaid poore inhabitants, and eſteeming verie neceſſarie the reedifying, building, and erecting of decaied townes and places neere the ſea ſide for the preſeruation of this our realme, and eſpecially ſuch townes as are very neereborderers vpon the ſea: Haue licenced, and by theſe preſents do licence the inhabitants of the townes of Penſance, Mouſehole and Newlin aforeſaid, or any of them, their ſufficient deputie or deputies bearers hereof, or the dupheat or true copie hereof, to aske, gather, receiue, and take the charitie and beneuolence of our louing ſubiects inhabiting and dwelling within our counties of Deuon, Dorſet, Somerſet, South. Glouc. VVigorn. Oxon. Berk, VViltſh. Kent, Suſſex, Surrey, Salopp. Midd. Eſſex, and VVarw. with our citie of London, the ſuburbs thereof, our cities of Glouceſter, Briſtoll, Exceter, and Caunterburie, with all other our cities and townes corporate whatſoeuer, in any of the ſame ſeuerall counties, and not elſewhere, as well for the reliefe of the ſaid poore diſtreſſed inhabitants, their wiues and children, the reedifying, building, and new making of the ſaid pariſh Church and houſes, as alſo for the better ſtrengthening of that open and naked bay hereafter againſt the enimie, and ſo much the rather, for that we haue granted no other collection for the loſſe and ſpoile of the ſaid townes, but onely this. VVherefore we will and command you and euery of you, that at ſuch time or times as the ſaid inhabitants, their deputie or deputies ſhall come and repaire to any your Churches, or other places, to aske and gather the beneuolence and deuotion of our louing ſubiects (as is aforeſaid) quietly to permit and ſuffer them and euery of them ſo to do, without any maner your lets, interruption, or contradiction. And you the ſaid Parſons, Vicars and Curats to declare the tenour of theſe our letters pattents vnto our ſaid louing ſubiects, with our recommendation and requeſt therein: exhorting them to extend their charities in this behalfe. And for the more better and ſpeedie collection of the charitie and deuotion as aforeſaid: VVe will and command all and ſingular you the ſaid Conſtables and Churchwardens of the pariſh Churches where collection ſhall be made, that ye immediately vpon the declaration hereof, do collect and gather of our ſaid louing ſubiects, their charitable beneuolence and deuotions accordingly. And to ſet downe in writing, as well the name of euery pariſhioner in euery pariſh, as alſo the ſumme and ſummes of money by them ſo giuen in this behalfe: which ſummes of money ſo gathered togither, with the names of the giuers thereof, we will ſhall be truly accounted and deliuered vnto our welbeloued ſubiects the aforenamed ſir Frances Godolphen knight, and ſir VVilliam Beuill knight, Hannbaill Viuian eſquire, and VVilliam Trefrie eſquire, to be equally and proportionably diſtributed vnto the ſaid poore inhabitants according to their ſeueral loſſes, as in their diſcretions ſhall be thought meet. In witneſſe whereof we haue cauſed theſe our letters to be made pattents for the ſpace of two whole yeeres next after the date hereof to endure. VVitneſſe our ſelfe at Kew, the ſecond day of October, in the ſeuen and thirtith yeere of our raigne.

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GOd ſaue the Queene. Stewarde and Stewarde.